

Bike / Ped Task Force meeting 8/27/09

Present: Barb Mee, Terri March, Tom Redinger, Janet Barlow, Heather Strassberger, Sara Molskness, Tracey Roisman, Claudia Nix

Discussion revolved around developing media PSA's. Janet brought up that the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) has developed safety PSA's for pedestrian issues and probably have them for bicycling, as well. It makes sense to use them rather than spending time and energy reinventing them. The pedestrian site is "Think of the Impact" at www.FHWA.dot.gov.

We went to the FHWA web site and began looking at the pedestrian PSA's which are very good. We decided to pick out the best ones to use for back to school and get them to Judy Rhew to use on the county public access channel and then begin looking at the bicycling ones to use at other times.

The rest of the time was spent working on a survey on harassment for cyclist and pedestrians and to collect sidewalk and street problem areas. Terri put the survey on the Healthy Buncombe google site and will email it out to those present asking us to review it for any changes. We will update it and start to publicize it in hopes of collecting data that we can use to see how often people are being harassed. Hopefully if we find it is occurring a lot we will go to the authorities for assistance.

I informed the group that Bicycle Haywood, a group similar to us has formed in Haywood County and that I have introduced them to the District Engineer for Region 14 of the Dept. of Transportation. Heather asked that I keep the MPO in the loop as well on these organizations. I agreed to email her with the contact person so they would be able to keep communication free flowing.

Barb informed us that it has been determined that there will be room for the bike lanes and parking on Choctaw along with the greenway from South French Broad to Gaston Street.